

## Night 12

**Highlights from Surah Ar-Ra'd** This surah was also revealed around the same time as Surah Yunus, Hud, and Yusuf. This was a very difficult time for the Prophet and the believers as the atrocities of the kuffar were intense. The **main message** in the Surah: Muhammad has brought absolute Truth from Allah. It will be a serious and fatal mistake to reject it. Tauhid (Oneness if God), Resurrection, and Prophet hood are a reality: therefore the kuffar should believe in them for their own good. The Surah is called Ar-Ra'd (thunder) to reflect on the Power of Allah. It is one of many signs of Allah. **Key Highlights:**\* In the creation of the earth, and the mountains, rivers, trees, fruits, and vegetation are signs of Allah for people who think. \* Allah <sup>SWT</sup> describes that the wisdom, which the prophets bring, is like rain water, and the people of faith are like riverbeds, they absorb the water to their capacities to benefit from it. By contrast, the swelling scum that appears on the surface is like evil, which washes away to the banks by floodwater. At the same time, the clouds also produce thunder, like the Wrath of Allah <sup>SWT</sup>, and it destroys people whom Allah <sup>SWT</sup> wishes to destroy – i.e. the disbelievers. The moral is that Prophets bring guidance to the people, those who accept it are successful and those who deny it are ruined.

\*True believers: a) Obey Allah's commands, b) never break the bonds with those whom Allah has commanded to join – the blood relatives, and brethren in faith, c) dread the Hereafter by avoiding sins, d) remain patient in adversity and trial, e) perform salaat, f) spend from what Allah <sup>SWT</sup> has given them, openly or secretly, and g) do righteous deeds. Such people will be rewarded with Al-Husna (Paradise). \*Those who disbelieve will not be able to buy their way out of the terrible reckoning and the Hell fire, despite all their worldly wealth.\* Allah <sup>SWT</sup> has appointed angels for each soul to protect and ward him. He does not take away this bounty until a person changes it himself by being disobedient to Him. But once the punishment comes, there is no going back. \* Allah <sup>SWT</sup> does not change the conditions of people unless they struggle to change themselves." \* People are mistaken when they look for peace of mind and tranquility in the worldly things.\* **Sajdah in the verse** "*And unto Allâh (Alone) falls in prostration whoever is in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly, and so do their shadows in the mornings and in the afternoons*"

**Highlights from Surah Ibrahim: It is named after Prophet Ibrahim.** Key Highlights of the Surah: \*Disbelievers are on the wrong path: 1) They prefer this temporary life and its vanities, 2) they not only harm themselves but mislead others, 3) they search for crookedness in Allah's Straight Path. \* All Prophets spoke the native language: Allah has never sent a Messenger for guidance of a nation except that he spoke the language of his people.\*Only the Truth is in harmony with the universe: Allah has based the creation of the heavens and the earth on Truth. And thus the whole system is in disarray if falsehood prevails on the earth. When Allah wills, He brings new people replacing those who went astray. \*Narration about Hellfire: All *Mujrimûn* (disbelievers, criminals, arrogant leaders) will be put in Hell, their hands and feet tied together to their necks with chains, their garments will be of readily flammable material with nails on them, their faces will be covered with fire, they will be made to drink boiling festering water – they will sip it unwillingly and will have hard time swallowing, and death will come to them from all sides, and yet they will not die. \*Shaitan has no power except to seduce human beings towards evil.

**Kalimah Taiyabah** (Sacred words, words of Faith) is like a tree, firmly fixed and whose branches reach high, giving its fruits at all times, benefiting humanity. \* No matter how much we thank Allah <sup>SWT</sup> it would not be sufficient. But when you thank Him for His bounties, He

gives you more.\* Dua of Ibrahim: "O my Lord! Make me one who performs As-Salât (*Iqâmat-as-Salât*), and (also) from my offspring, our Lord! And accept my invocation. "Our Lord! Forgive me and my parents, and (all) the believers on the Day when the reckoning will be established." [14:40,41]

**Highlights from Surah Al-Hijr:** Al-Hijr means: the rocky tract which is a City north of Madinah towards Syria. In this Surah along with message of Tauheed, admonition is given through the story of Adam's creation, prostration of Angels before him, and the refusal of Shaitan to do it.

**Key Highlights:** Allah Himself takes the responsibility of preserving and safeguarding Quran.\* Allah commands to proclaim His Message openly and turn away from the mushrekeen, and not to grieve for their lack of faith and misfortune. Instead direct the kindness towards the fellow believers.\* Prophet Muhammad was advised not to be depressed for the Quraysh who did not accept his message. Instead, was told to engage in Zikr of Allah, and be among those who prostrate to Allah.\* The inhabitants of the Paradise will live in peace and security, true brotherhood will prevail, Allah will remove the hard feelings against each other, there will be no sense of fatigue, and they will live there forever.